EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH **(1948) Department**

Ms. **SERIES.**

G.O. No. Ms.3019, Education:

Dated 30th November, 1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

UNIVERSITIES - Inter University Board - 23rd Annual Meeting - Proceedings

INTER UNIVERSITY BOARD, INDIA.
10-A, Cavalry Lines, DELHI.

No.2001-2011. Dated 24th September, 1948.

From

Professor S. Mathai, M.A.(Bom.), M.A.(Oxon),
Secretary, Inter-University Board, India.

To

The Secretaries to the Govt. of Provinces & States,
Department of Education.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that a copy of the Proceedings of the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Inter-University Board held at Cuttack in December, 1947, has already been sent to you under registered post, on 20-5-1948. I have to invite your special attention to the resolutions noted below for action and to request you kindly to let me know at your earliest convenience what action your Government has been pleased to take on these recommendations of the Board.

RESOLUTIONS Nos. V(3), X, XX(2).

Yours truly,

Sd. x x
Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ducation & Public Health Department.

Letter Ms. No. 3019, Edn.

From

M.V. SUBRAMANIAN ESQ., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Secretary,
Inter-University Board, India,
10-A, Cavalry Line, Delhi.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 30th November 1948.

Sir,

Sub: Universities - Inter-University Board - 23rd Annual meeting - Proceedings.

Ref: Your letter No.2001-2011, dated 24-9-1948.

I am directed to state as follows as regards the three resolutions referred to in your letter quoted above:-

Resolution No.V(3): The Government of Madras have under consideration a scheme for the training of candidates in social service. A final decision on the subject has not yet been arrived at.

Resolution No.X: This Government have already bee encouraging the development of research in the Universities of the Province. They have accordingly given grants to Universities and colleges affiliated to them, consistent with their resources, as towards the opening of science, Engineering and technological courses.

Resolution No.XX(2):This Government have been observing the Principle mentioned in this resolution, in respect of the normal University administration. They are in agreement with the Board that the autonomy of the Universities should be maintained and that their academic independence should be ensured

Yours faithfully,

M.V. Subramanian,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Copy to the Registrars, Madras, Andhra and Annamalai Universities.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Inter-University Board - 23rd Annual meeting - Proceedings.

From the Secretary, Inter University Board, India.

A copy of the proceedings of the Inter University Board meeting held in December last at Cuttack is kept at (A). The Secretary of the Inter University Boa d desires to know the action proposed to be taken by this Government on the following resolutions therein.

Resolution - No. V(3).
Resolution - No. X.
Resolution NoNo.[illegible](2).

Resolution No.V(3).

The resolution runs as follows:-

"Resolved that the Board recommends to the Universities to encourage Social Service by University students on a voluntary basis and with a view to organising such services in an efficient manner, the Board is of opinion that the necessary finances be provided by the Central and Provincial Governments".

This Government have already evolved a tentative scheme for the training of candidates in social service work, and the scheme will be placed before the informal meeting of the Cabinet. The Secretary of the Inter-University Board may therefore be informed that this Government have under consider tion a scheme of social service and that a final decision on the subject has not yet been arrived at. No other action seems to be necessary on this Resolution.

Resolution No. X.

"The Inter University Board recommends that the development of fundamental research in all Universities and Research Institutes in India in all science and arts subjects including Economics and Politics should be a responsibility f the Central Government of India.

Resolved that the Board is of opinion that the Universities should do all that is possible to develop research in fundamental and applied sciences and Arts and that with a view to enable the Universities to function at a high level, for the organisation of these researches, the Central and Provincial Governments should sanction liberal grants. Further resolved that the Inter-University Board appreciate the efforts which are being made by the Central Government for promotion of research in the Universities".

This Government have so far given grants in respe of new courses to the Universities in the Province, especiall those relating to Technology, Engineering, Science and Research. For instance, the Andhra University has been sanctioned recurring and non-recurring grants this yeqr for the opening of M.Sc. courses in Geophysics. The Government have given grants to the University of Madras for technologic coursesand/the Annamalai University for Eng ineering and technological courses. The proposal to give grants to the Annamalai University for the Tamil Research Institute is under consideration as Part II Scheme. Hence the policy of this Government is to encourage the development of researc in the Univerties and they havegiven grants therefor, consistent with their financial resources. The Secretary of the Inter-University Board may be informed of the above polic of the Government.

Resolution No.XX(2). The Board is of opinion that it is in general agreement that autonomy of the Universities be maintained and that their academic independence be ensured Resolved further that this principle be borne in mind when any new legislation affecting Universities is contemplated".

Both in theory and in practice, this Government is acting on the principle that the Universities are autonomous bodies and the Goverment do not normally interfere with their independence. This will be general guiding principle of the Government in respect of the Universities. The observance of this principle will, however, not be possible in respect of matters governed by sections 7(1) of the Madras University Act, 1932, 8(1) of the Andhra University Act, 1925 and 28(1) of the Annamalai University Act, 1928. The Government have power to order inspection in respect of matters referred to in these sections. The principle of autonomy recommended by the Inter-University Board will, it is presumed, be acceptable subject to the above provisions.

Finance may see before circulation.

These sections do not appear to have been invoked so far, The autonomy of the Universities is being maintained.

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11-11-48.

The right of 'Visit again' is a reserve power to used in emergencies or in exceptional circumstances and its existence is not an infringement of autonomy

In respect of normal university administration, we have been observing the principle mentioned by the Board. We may mention this and say we are in agreement with "A" on p.2 and we may say also that 'B' there must be borne in mind.

Finance (Exp.A) Department

Please see the notes on pages 1-3 above. The proposals of E & P.H. at 'A' and 'B' on pages 1 and 2 may be agreed to in Finance.

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26-11-1948.

Edn. & Public Health (G3).

This Department notes on pages 1-3 ante and Finance Department notes on page 3 ante may be read) The file may now be circulated to H.M.(Education) for orders on (A) on page 1 ante, (B) on page 2 ante and R on page

A draft may be put up.

With reference to Assistant Secretary's Orders a draft letter is submitted for approval.

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